

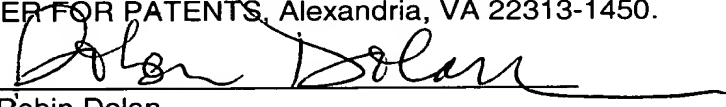
In the Application of: **Whitman, et al.**
Application No.: **09/887,789**
Attorney Docket No.: **3556-P03147US01**
Filed: **June 22, 2001**
For: **"ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SURGICAL DEVICE"**
Examiner: **Tran, Louis B.**
Group Art Unit: **3721**

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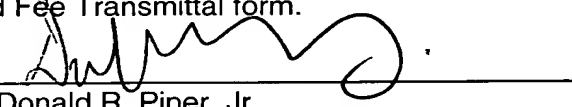
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Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby petitions for an extension of time of **THREE** months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee is enclosed as identified in the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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AMENDMENT

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, Applicant submits the following in response to the Official Action dated August 12, 2003 (paper #14). Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

The amendments to the **claims** begin on **page 2**.

The **remarks** concerning the office action and Applicant's amendments begin on **page 10**.

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Application No. 09/887,789

Filing Date: June 22, 2001

First Named Inventor: Whitman et al, Michael, P.

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner Name: Tran, Louis B.

Attorney Docket No. 3556-P03147US1

This is a request for a continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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02 FC:2202

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously filed

- i. ☐ Consider the unentered amendment/reply previously filed on _____
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
iv. ☐ Other _____

2. ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet is enclosed in duplicate.

3. ☒ Request for extension: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant(s) request a three-month extension for filing a response to the outstanding Official Action.

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Filing Date: June 22, 2001

First Named Inventor: Whitman et al, Michael

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner Name: Tran, Louis B.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

Fee Description

Utility filing fee

Design filing fee

Plant filing fee

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Fee

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Description

Fee Paid

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SUBTOTAL (3) \$860

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Total Claims 37 -31 = 6 x 9 = 54

Independent Claims 3 -3 = 0 x 43 = 0

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SUBTOTAL (2) \$54

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